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Subject: RE: Pending Aquifer Exemption Request - South Belridge Field

Dan / George,

After speaking to District 4 staff, I wish to withdraw my previous request (below) to include a westerly boundary change in Aera's aquifer exemption request and return its dimensions to the area contemplated in the 2008 exemption request and public notices. Unfortunately, I will be occupied on other Aera business for the remainder of the month but shortly after March 1st I propose that we all meet to refresh our mutual understanding of the exemption and injection project request described in our recently resubmitted CEQA document supporting the project.

Thank you,

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Hi Ron,

I will need to discuss this further with you all. I am not completely clear on what is being proposed.

Yes, an Aquifer Exemption boundary extensions are additional, separate exemption actions.

"Minor" within the subject of Aquifer Exemptions refers solely to those USDWs (underground sources of drinking water) that essentially... contain waters of salinity ranging between 3,000 TDS ppm and 10,000 ppm TDS. "Major" exemptions refer to USDWs of less than 3,000 ppm TDS.

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Dan / George,

Aera proposes to amend the pending aquifer exemption application to extend the westerly boundary (only) to include the area from the published administrative boundary map back to the irregular contour line cited in the 1973 "California Oil and Gas Fields, Volume 1" (attached) and subsequently referenced in the 1981 primacy application. This action is designed to alleviate any potential permitting issues for the numerous existing disposal wells operating in the area between the contour line and the administrative boundary. This minor amendment has no surface or well count implications for the proposed new injection project that depends on the aquifer exemption approval and subsequently no CEQA impacts. As you know, the easterly boundary of the proposed exemption area is already extended one mile beyond any injection with an additional buffer of one mile of pore space to the east that Aera controls.

Let me know if you need further documentation of this minor amendment or if we can simply use the contour line as the westerly boundary of the aquifer exemption area that is presented to EPA and included in the public notices for the aquifer exemption and new injection project.

Thank you and Happy New Year,
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